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EINSTEIN'S VIEWS OF GOD AND RELIGION TO BE SERMON TOPIC

**"WHAT IS WRONG WITH JEWISH LEADERSHIP
IN AMERICA" WILL BE THEME ON NOVEMBER 15th**

On Friday evening, November 8th, Rabbi Steinberg will discuss Albert Einstein's views of God and religion in a sermon entitled "Einstein on God." Dr. Einstein participated in a conference on science, philosophy and religion at the Jewish Theological Seminary last Fall, in which he criticized and rejected the concept of a personal God. The position he took aroused considerable discussion and a widespread controversy at the time. Rabbi Steinberg will present the scientist's attitude as found in his writings and will evaluate the criticisms of religious doctrine of this distinguished physicist and philosopher.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Congregation extends its happy felicitations and cordial good wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Erwin Zimet, who were married in the Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, November 3, 1940.

The Sisterhood will receive in their honor at the Oneg Shabbat following the Sabbath services on Friday evening, November 8th. The Congregation is invited to be present to extend its felicitations.

Book Review Group Opens November 13th

One of the most successful departures in the Synagogue program inaugurated last year was the establishment under Sisterhood auspices of a Women's Book Review Group conducted by Rabbi Steinberg. This Book Review Group resumes its sessions on Wednesday morning, November 13th, at 11 A.M. with a discussion by Rabbi Steinberg of Thomas Mann's "The Loved Returns."

The Group in its fall semester is to meet subsequently on Wednesday mornings, November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th. Among the books which Rabbi Steinberg will discuss are "New England: Indian Summer" by Van Wyck Brooks,

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The sermon on November 15th will deal with the theme "What is Wrong with Jewish Leadership?" It is apparent that the leadership of the American Jewish group in this crisis is not equal to the problems which confront American Jews. The sermon will cover the reasons why a group as alert as American Jewry should be so seriously without large and significant leaders.

Last Friday's Sermon

"The Great Hatred" was the subject of the opening sermon of the new season last Friday night, November 1st. In discussing Maurice Samuel's new presentation of the causes of anti-Semitism, the Rabbi gave a resume of the author's new work and expounded and clarified his views. The thesis is built on two concepts, the first and more important being that anti-Semitism is an outlet for the fear and hatred of Christians themselves against Christ and Christianity, and the second being that intellectuals refuse to see in anti-Semitism an entirely different kind of problem from the ordinary prejudices and dislikes that may naturally or unnaturally develop between groups. Coupled with these two propositions were discussions of the two opposing forces in the world between which the battle for supremacy is now being fought—the Progressive and the Re-

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CALENDAR

Friday evening service, Nov. 8th - 8:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry
Saturday morning service, Nov. 9th - 9:30 A.M.
Saturday evening, Nov. 9th
Coterie Dance
Sunday morning, Nov. 10th
Sunday School classes - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday evening, Nov. 10th
Senior League meeting
Monday, Nov. 11th - 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Red Cross group
Monday evening, Nov. 11th
Adult Education classes
Tuesday evening, Nov. 12th
Senior League meeting
Wednesday morning, Nov. 13th
Book Review - 11 A.M.
Friday evening service, Nov. 15th - 8:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry
Saturday morning service, Nov. 16th - 9:30 A.M.
Sunday morning, Nov. 17th
Sunday School classes - 9:45 A.M.
Monday, Nov. 18th - 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Red Cross group
Monday evening, Nov. 18th
Adult Education classes

CAN YOU SING? DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

In either case here is an opportunity to sing with someone else who likes to sing and who is enjoying the singing of Jewish and Jewish-American music.

The Choral Group of the Adult Education Committee feels that of all the readers of the Scroll and members of the Adult Classes certainly more would be on hand at rehearsals if they knew about them and the fact that they are held on *every Monday evening at 8:20* under the direction of Cantor Putterman. Here is your chance then, to get in before the capacity of the group is reached. *Only a few more vacancies* by the time you get down to reading this part.

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ADULT CLASSES START AUSPICIOUSLY

Large Enrollment Shows Signs of Increasing Next Week

On Monday evening, October 28th, the classes under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education began their fall period with a large and enthusiastic registration. The major lecture course on "Jewish Personalities Who have Influenced Civilization," and the subsidiary groups were well attended and at least two taxed the capacity of the rooms in which they were held.

Rabbi Steinberg discussed the personality of Moses in his first lecture of the major lecture course. The importance of Moses' contribution was presented as being in bringing forth the new God concept of his time which has influenced all modern religions and the giving of a new morality to the world which reshaped the basis of man's thought.

The next meeting of the classes will be on Monday evening, November 11th at which Rabbi Steinberg will discuss "The Prophets as Personalities Who Have Influenced Civilization."

The following is the schedule of the Classes:

Problems of the Religious Life—Rabbi Steinberg
Hebrew—Rabbi Zimet.....7:30 to 8:20
Choral Group—Cantor Putterman
Bible Study—Rabbi Zimet.....8:20 to 9:10
Major Lecture Course—Rabbi Steinberg
9:10 to 10:00

Registration for all courses is still open. Those who plan to register at the next session on November 11th are urged to come to the Synagogue in advance of the courses for which they intend to register.

Book Review Group Opens

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"Fanny Kemble" and "Trelawney" by Armstrong, "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Hemingway.

The Group is open to any woman without regard to Sisterhood affiliation. Registration fees are \$2 for members of the Sisterhood, \$2.50 for non-members, and 75c for single admissions to individual lectures. In charge of the enterprise is a committee presided over by Mrs. Victor Herwitz, the membership of which is Mrs. Fred Abrams, Mrs. Leonard Arkin, Mrs. Lester Breidenbach, Mrs. Moe Gale, Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mrs. Jacob Easton Holzman, Mrs. Samuel Klein, Mrs. Alex J. Ostriker and Mrs. Samuel Wohl.

Dr. Sachar To Occupy Pulpit Friday, November 29th

The first of the guest speakers to be brought to the pulpit of our congregation by the Committee on Adult Education is to be the distinguished and immensely popular National Director of the Hillel Foundation, Dr. A. L. Sachar. Dr. Sachar is known from coast to coast as the author of "A History of the Jews," "Sufferance Is the Badge" and numerous other works. Trained as a professional historian, he taught history at the University of Illinois from which post he was called to become the Director of the Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith. He is one of the most vivid and interesting personalities on the Jewish platform, and the membership of our congregation will recall with pleasure his last visit to us.

RED CROSS APPEAL

Mrs. Sarah Botein, Chairman of Red Cross Activities for the Sisterhood and the congregation, is sending out to the membership of the Synagogue an appeal for donations to the Red Cross. Readers of The Scroll who receive Red Cross envelopes are urged to respond quickly and generously.

Friday Night Sermons

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actionary. The reactionary in trying to bring the world under the domination of the machine thus destroying individuality must, in order to assure success to his plan, destroy the humanizing and individualizing influence of Judeo-Christian concepts of humanity. Thus it attacks Judaism and all it stands for since it may not directly attack Christ and Christianity because of the latter's power in being the *accepted* morality. But breaking down Judaism it also destroys the Christian *raison d'être* through its roots since Christ's teachings were the result of his own experiences and background and later amended through the experiences and backgrounds of other Jews.

Rabbi Steinberg said that if the Christian had anti-Christian impulses, then these are the result of Christian restraints of personal freedom, but against which to turn directly would be personal and political folly. The idea of the Jew as the perennial scapegoat finds itself at home here as well as in other attempts to explain anti-Semitism.

TEMPLE TID-BITS

By FAY P. WEINER

REUNION IN OCTOBER: After a tearful "so-long" to our sarong, your bo-peep is finally back in harness after a refreshing summer. From now on it's our nose to the grindstone, and our eye to the keyhole . . . HIGH HOLY DAYS MEMOS: Almost every state and college in the Union represented in the congregation—every famous couturière present ON the flesh—the S.R.O. sign causing many a whine—the liberal response to the appeal for the Seminary Fund—the torrent of requests for copies of the Kol Nidre night sermon—the distracted parents whose eight and nine year olds insisted on fasting—the many prominent personalities who worshipped with us this year for the first time: *Louis B. Mayer*, the cinematic biggie; *Mrs. Helen Fox*, sister of Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; *Frank J. Zeitz*, department store merchant from across the river; *Miss Gisella Warburg*; *Eugene Picker*, the flicker exec; *B. Pregel*, world-famous radiologist and co-worker of Mme. Curie . . . CHAMPION LOSES TITLE: *Bernard Botein*, Synagogue's No. 1 Bachelor has renounced his vows of celibacy for the former Marion Berman. Congratulations!! HEADLINERS: This town's leading newspapers did a swell job of editorializing *Victor Herwitz* for his work on the Scalise case. The facts he so ably unearthed in this unsavory suit must have gone to Victor's nose, for he is now recouping from a recent nasal operation . . . WITH OUR HOME TEAM: Did you hear Rabbi Steinberg's address at the World's Fair last week? Or Cantor Putterman etherizing on a coast-to-coast hook-up? . . . DOUBLE FEATURE: Birthday congratulations to both our President and Vice-President, *Jacob Friedman* and *Charles Weill*. Every year makes them more dear . . . THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND TRIPS: Our own "de-lovely to look at" *Helen Guggenheimer* (Mrs. Leo) has joined the N. Y. Red Cross Motor Corps, and one can spot her dashing madly from one end of town to the other. She's a good gal to have around not only because she's fully equipped to take care of emergencies and give first aid, but should your car ever go on a *fritzkrieg* and you're in need of a mechanic, call Helen. She can fix that too . . . ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: Boy Meets Girl, Boy Loses Girl, Boy Marries Girl. The boy referred to in this brief synopsis is our beloved *Rabbi Zimet*; the girl, who escaped unscathed from bomb-ridden London only to find herself bombed by a falling ceiling in New York, is *Lilli Gebr*. We hope that their future will be as bright as the wedding rings they both so proudly wear. *Mazel tov* . . . SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO: When *June Rosenthal* (Mrs. Emanuel) has completely recovered from her illness, we demand a return performance of her Command Performance given at Buckingham Palace, before Queen Victoria, when June was a baby wonder. . . NEW EDITIONS: It's *Stephen Joshua* at the *Sanford Solarz*. . . There'll be a lot of double-talk at the *Albert Ornstein's* household these days — twins! The *Fred Abrams'* became grandparents this week, but they don't look a bit older . . . CONDOLENCES OF THE CONGREGATION: To the family of *Gertrude Hordiner* on her demise.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Election days over for students

After a heated campaign which was featured by public speeches, formation of parties and eager soliciting of votes, the following officers were elected to the General Organization of the Religious School: President—Sanford Hahn, Vice-President—Susan Peiper, Secretary—Joan Sheer, Treasurer—Richard Stern. A formal installation of these officers will be held on Nov. 10, 1940, at 11:30 A.M. All parents are cordially invited to attend.

The attention of parents of children in our Sunday School is called to the fact that sessions begin promptly at 9:45 A.M. A warning bell sounds at 9:40 and five minutes later lessons are commenced. Children coming later than 9:45 not only suffer the embarrassment of late slips but also inconvenience the rest of the class.

The editors of The Scroll take pleasure in introducing the members of the Sunday School staff to its readers. Space does not permit an elaborate treatment of their training, experience and accomplishments. Just a short introduction to get acquainted.

Kindergarten — MISS GERTRUDE RIBAKOVE, graduate of Brooklyn College, pursuing graduate studies in painting and sculpture. Teacher of Art in a Brooklyn kindergarten. Art and tennis counsellor at camps. Adviser to the Young Judea Girls Club recently organized here.

Class 2—MISS NAOMI RUTH STERNBERG, graduate of New College, Columbia University, having studied at the Sorbonne and the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris, a graduate student at New York University at present. Has taught at the East Midwood Jewish Center and at the Corpus Christi School. Has also supervised music and dramatics at camp.

Class 3—MISS SHULAMITH FAIN studied at the Inwood Hebrew Congregation and took courses at the Israel Friedlander classes. At present is president of the dance clubs at Hunter College. Miss Fain has had considerable experience coaching, dancing and fencing at camps. She is also a member of the Balfour Players and of Dvora Lapson's dance group.

Class 4—MRS. EVA GOLUB, a graduate of Hunter College and the National Academy of Art. Studied at the Israel Friedlander classes. Has supervised arts and crafts, dramatics and costuming at camp for the last five years.

Class 5X—MR. HARLAN UMANSKY, graduate of New York University, 1935. Has pursued graduate studies at the same school up to the present. Mr. Umansky is a teacher of English at Emerson High School in Union City, New Jersey. Before coming to the Park Avenue Synagogue in 1938, he taught Sunday School in White Plains.

Class 5Y—MISS GRACE MERLUB is a graduate of the School of Education, New York University, majoring in music. Has been music counsellor at camp for the last three years and has also led the singing at our Oneg Shabbat during the last year.

Class 6X—MR. HERMAN KIEVAL, graduate of John Hopkins University, having majored in Semitic languages. Holds the degree of Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from the Hebrew College in Baltimore. At present is in his third year at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Class 6Y—RABBI ERWIN ZIMET, graduate of the University of Berlin and the Hochschule fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums. Received his degree with distinction at the latter institution in 1938. Rabbi Zimet needs no further introduction for the readers of The Scroll.

Class 7—MR. WOLFE CHARNEY was graduated cum laude from the Yeshiva College in 1937, as well as the Hebrew Teachers Institute. He holds the degree of L.L.B., having studied at Harvard Law School. Has taught at Temple Israel in New Rochelle and at Hebrew schools in Winthrop and Brockton, Mass. Is the adviser to the Junior and Senior Coterie Clubs.

Class 8—MR. ARTHUR J. GANG, graduate of C.C.N.Y., Columbia Law School. Has directed clubs at our Synagogue for the last two years. Was head counsellor at a camp last summer.

High School 1-2—MR. GERALD B. RIVLIN has a B.A. from C.C.N.Y. and an M.A. from Columbia. Is a teacher of children of retarded mental development in a junior high school in Brooklyn. Has also taught and led clubs at the Jamaica Jewish Center. Mr. Rivlin has been a counsellor at camps for many years. Last year he served as head counsellor.

High School 3-4—MR. MOSHE DAVIS, graduate of Teachers College, Columbia University, and the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he is now in his third year of rabbinical studies. Mr. Davis spent a year in Palestine as the recipient of the Lena Socolow Scholarship. Has taught at the Model Hebrew School and has conducted club activities in the Central Jewish Institute.

Rabbi Steinberg wishes to thank the congregation most appreciatively for its generous response to his request for support for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In making his request Rabbi Steinberg specified a sum which he should like to see donated. He was delighted to learn from the office of the congregation that those who worshipped with us on the Day of Atonement subscribed the sum for which he asked.

Checks in payment of the pledges are flowing into the office. Rabbi Steinberg requests those who have made such pledges but have not as yet paid them to do so at their own convenience but preferably as promptly as possible so that the entire sum may be forwarded to the Seminary. Checks should be made out to the order of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and mailed to Rabbi Steinberg at the Synagogue.